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CATTLE INVENTORY

SOUTH DAKOTA: All cattle and calves in South Dakota as of January 1, 2008 totaled 3.70 million head, unchanged from last year's 3.70 million head, but 50,000 head below two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 1.73 million head, are down 1 percent from the 1.75 million head on January 1, 2007. Beef cows, at 1.64 million head, are down 25,000 head from one year ago. Milk cows, at 86,000 head, are up 5,000 head from 2007. All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 875,000 head, are down 5,000 head from the previous year. Steers 500 pounds and over, at 690,000 head are down 10,000 head from the previous year. Calves born during 2007 totaled 1,680,000 head, down 40,000 head from 2006.

Total cattle on feed for slaughter market in South Dakota on January 1, 2008 numbered 400,000 head, down 5 percent from one year earlier.

UNITED STATES: All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2008 totaled 96.7 million head, down slightly from last year's 97.0 million head, and down slightly from two years ago.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.8 million head, are down 1 percent from the previous year. Beef cows, at 32.6 million head, are down 1 percent from one year ago. Milk cows, at 9.22 million head, are up 1 percent from 2007. All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 20.0 million head, are down slightly from the previous year. Steers 500 pounds and over, at 17.3 million head are up slightly from the previous year. Calves born during 2007 totaled 37.4 million head, down slightly from 2006.

Total cattle on feed for slaughter market in the United States on January 1, 2008 numbered 14.3 million head, up 1 percent from one year earlier.

Cattle and Calves, South Dakota & United States, January 1, 2007 & 2008

Class	South Dakota			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
All cattle & calves	3,700	3,700	100	97,003	96,669	100
Cows & heifers that have calved	1,750	1,730	99	42,023	41,777	99
Beef cows	1,669	1,644	99	32,891	32,553	99
Milk cows	81	86	106	9,132	9,224	101
Heifers 500 pounds and over ¹	880	875	99	20,086	20,003	100
For beef cow replacement	300	290	97	5,877	5,670	96
For milk cow replacement	40	35	88	4,310	4,457	103
Other heifers	540	550	102	9,899	9,876	100
Steers 500 pounds and over	700	690	99	17,222	17,305	100
Bulls 500 pounds and over	85	80	94	2,215	2,207	100
Calves under 500 pounds	285	325	114	15,456	15,378	99
Calf crop ²	1,720	1,680	98	37,519	37,361	100

¹ May not add due to rounding. ² Previous year.

SHEEP AND LAMBS & GOATS

SOUTH DAKOTA: The January 1, 2008 South Dakota inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 355,000 head, down 25,000 head from last year. The breeding herd was unchanged from last year but the marketing herd decreased 25,000 head. Breeding sheep and lambs, at 285,000 head, were unchanged from January 1, 2007. Ewes one year and older totaled 237,000 head, down 3,000 head from last year. Market sheep and lambs, at 70,000 head, were down 26 percent from one year ago. Lambs born during 2007 totaled 303,000 head, up 18,000 head from the 2006 crop.

Meat goats in South Dakota on January 1, 2008 totaled 6,000 head, up 250 from last year's 5,750 head. Milk goats on January 1 totaled 1,000 head, down 100 head from last year.

UNITED STATES: All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2008, totaled 6.06 million head, down 2 percent

from 2007 and down 3 percent from 2006. The breeding herd decreased 2 percent from last year and the marketing herd decreased slightly. Breeding sheep inventory, at 4.51 million head, was down 2 percent from the previous year. Ewes one year and older totaled 3.62 million head, down 2 percent from last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2008, totaled 1.55 million head, down slightly from a year ago. The 2007 lamb crop of 4.05 million head, was down slightly from 2006.

Meat goats in the United States on January 1, 2008 totaled 2.5 million head, up 4 percent from last year's 2.40 million head. Milk goats on January 1 totaled 305,000 head, up 11,000 head from last year. Angora goats on January 1 totaled 210,000 head, down 28,000 head from last year.



Sheep and Lamb & Goats Inventories, South Dakota and United States, 2007 and 2008

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All sheep & lambs	380.0	355.0	93	6,165.0	6,055.0	98
Breeding sheep & lambs	285.0	285.0	100	4,610.0	4,505.0	98
Ewes 1 year+	240.0	237.0	99	3,696.0	3,617.0	98
Rams 1 year+	9.0	9.0	100	195.0	193.0	99
Replacement lambs	36.0	39.0	108	719.0	695.0	97
Market sheep & lambs	95.0	70.0	74	1,555.0	1,550.0	100
Lambs, under 65 lbs.	5.0	7.0	140	362.1	352.2	97
Lambs, 65-84 lbs.	8.0	9.0	113	200.8	209.0	104
Lambs, 85-105 lbs.	30.0	14.0	47	372.6	377.4	101
Lambs, over 105 lbs.	48.0	38.0	79	530.5	531.4	100
Lamb crop ¹	285.0	303.0	106	4,065.0	4,050.0	100
Total goats inventory	NA	NA	NA	2,934.0	3,015.0	103
Angora	NA	NA	NA	238.0	210.0	88
Milk	1.1	1.0	91	294.0	305.0	104
Meat & other	5.8	6.0	103	2,402.0	2,500.0	104

¹ Previous year.

FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS

SOUTH DAKOTA: The number of farms in South Dakota in 2007 is estimated at 31,300, unchanged from 2006. The total land area in farms for the state totaled 43.7 million acres, unchanged from the previous year. The 2007 average farm size of 1,396 acres is unchanged from a year ago. By sales class, the number of farms in the \$10,000-\$99,999 size group was unchanged from one year earlier; farms in the \$100,000-\$249,999 size group was unchanged from one year earlier; farms in the \$250,000-\$499,999 size group increased 100 from one year earlier; farms in the \$500,000+ size group was unchanged from one year earlier.

South Dakota's 2007 number of cattle farms, including both beef and dairy cattle, totaled 16,700, up 1 percent from the previous year. The number of hog farms in the state totaled 1,000, down 9 percent from the previous year. The number of sheep farms in the state totaled 2,000, unchanged from the previous year.

UNITED STATES: The number of farms in the United States in 2007 is estimated at 2.08 million, down 0.6 percent from 2006. Total land in farms, at 930.9 million acres, is down 1,510,000 acres from 2006. The average farm size was 449 acres during 2007, up 3 acres from the previous year.

Number of Farms & Land in Farms, South Dakota and United States, 2005-2007 ¹

Year	Farms	Land in Farms	Farms by Sales Class				
			\$1,000 - \$9,999	\$10,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 - \$249,999	\$250,000 - \$499,999	\$500,000+
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
SOUTH DAKOTA							
2005	31,400	43,700	8,300	12,500	6,200	2,800	1,600
2006	31,300	43,700	8,300	12,300	6,100	2,900	1,700
2007	31,300	43,700	8,200	12,300	6,100	3,000	1,700
UNITED STATES							
2005	2,098,690	933,210	1,166,320	596,040	167,080	89,840	79,410
2006	2,088,790	932,430	1,152,910	597,350	166,220	90,960	81,350
2007	2,075,510	930,920	1,135,320	594,230	167,990	93,000	84,970

¹ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

Number of Livestock Farms, South Dakota & United States, 2005-2007

Item	All Cattle	Beef Cows	Milk Cows	Hogs	All Sheep
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
SOUTH DAKOTA					
2005	17,000	15,000	800	1,200	2,100
2006	16,500	14,500	750	1,100	2,000
2007	16,700	14,500	670	1,000	2,000
UNITED STATES					
2005	982,510	770,170	78,300	67,280	68,330
2006	971,400	762,880	74,980	65,940	69,470
2007	967,440	757,900	71,510	65,640	70,590

PRICES

Prices Received by Farmers for Commodities Sold

Commodity And Unit	South Dakota		United States
	Jan. 2007 ¹	Jan. 2008 ²	Jan. 2008 ²
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
All Wheat..... Bu.	4.59	7.86	8.55
Winter..... Bu.	4.53	7.50	8.33
Durum..... Bu.	(⁴)	(⁴)	13.40
Other Spring..... Bu.	4.70	8.20	8.38
Corn..... Bu.	2.90	3.90	4.28
Oats..... Bu.	2.36	3.08	2.71
Soybeans..... Bu.	6.12	10.30	11.00
All Barley..... Bu.	(⁴)	(⁴)	4.92
Feed..... Bu.	(⁴)	(⁴)	5.23
Malt..... Bu.	(⁴)	(⁴)	4.75
Sunflower..... Cwt.	13.60	21.50	20.90
Flaxseed..... Bu.	(⁴)	(⁴)	13.90
All Hay..... Ton	81.00	101.00	129.00
Alfalfa..... Ton	84.00	104.00	135.00
Other..... Ton	69.00	85.00	118.00
Cattle ³ Cwt.	84.20	88.20	89.40
Steers & heifers..... Cwt.	92.10	97.10	95.20
Cows..... Cwt.	45.40	44.70	46.20
Calves..... Cwt.	112.00	114.00	116.00
All hogs..... Cwt.	42.40	34.90	36.50
Barrows & gilts..... Cwt.	44.50	36.80	37.30
Sows..... Cwt.	28.60	22.50	20.30
Sheep..... Cwt.	37.60	*23.90	*29.70
Lambs..... Cwt.	107.00	*110.00	*98.50

¹ Full month, except hay which is mid-month. ² Mid-Month.

³ "Cows" and "Steers & Heifers" combined. ⁴ No price available.

*Previous month price.

CATTLE ON FEED

SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 230,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on January 1. The January 1 number is up 5,000 head from last year and up 15,000 head from December.

UNITED STATES: **Cattle and calves on feed** for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.1 million head on January 1, 2008. The inventory was up 1 percent from the previous year but down slightly from the previous month.

SLAUGHTER

Commercial Slaughter, Red Meat Production South Dakota and United States

Kind & Unit	Slaughter		January-December	
	Dec. 2006	Dec. 2007	2006	2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Million Lbs. Liveweight</i>	<i>Million Lbs. Liveweight</i>
SOUTH DAKOTA				
Hogs	363.5	441.8	1,135.7	1,233.5
Sheep	1.6	0.9	1.778	1.645
Red Meat ^{1 2}	81.0	95.6	947.7	1,027.3
UNITED STATES				
Cattle ³	2,612.5	2,645.3	42,819.7	43,473.6
Hogs	8,882.8	9,691.3	28,142.7	29,312.1
Sheep	226.9	229.1	368.1	365.0
Red Meat ^{1 2}	3,874.5	4,058.1	47,537.6	48,677.3

¹ Red Meat reported in million lbs. ² Red Meat is based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. ³ Cattle slaughter data not published for South Dakota.

COLD STORAGE

Stocks in Cold Storage, United States

Commodity	Dec. 31, 2006	Dec. 31, 2007	Dec. 2007 as % of	
			Dec. 2006	Nov. 2007
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Butter	108,605	155,597	143	109
Cheese, total natural	817,437	794,881	97	101
Eggs, frozen	16,478	14,272	87	94
Fruits, frozen	1,136,531	1,220,048	107	94
Fruit juices, frozen	989,237	1,076,043	109	115
Meat, total red	946,617	967,088	102	100
Beef, total frozen	482,079	482,802	100	102
Pork, total frozen	442,501	464,261	105	98
Poultry, total frozen	973,555	986,863	101	109
Chicken	750,371	742,785	99	107
Turkey	218,356	238,552	109	115
Vegetables, total frozen	2,225,351	2,216,696	100	94
Potatoes, total frozen	954,820	1,000,940	105	93

Cattle on Feed (1,000+ Capacity Feedlots), South Dakota & U.S., January 1, 2007 & 2008

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
On feed, December 1 ¹	210	215	102	11,973	12,099	101
Placed on feed during December ¹	50	50	100	1,714	1,701	99
Fed cattle marketed during December ¹	32	33	103	1,625	1,645	101
Other disappearance during December ^{1 2}	3	2	67	88	58	66
On feed January 1	225	230	102	11,974	12,097	101

¹ Refers to December of previous year. ² Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

MILK PRODUCTION

SOUTH DAKOTA: The October - December 2007 **quarterly milk production** totaled 413 million pounds, up 9 percent from the same quarter last year. Milk production was up 1 percent from the previous quarter. The average **number of milk cows** during the quarter, at 86,000 head, was up 5,000 head from the October - December quarter of 2006 and up 1,000 head from the previous quarter.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the U.S. during the 2007 October - December quarter totaled 46.0 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from the same quarter last year. The average **number of milk cows** in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.20 million head, up 80,000 head from the same period last year.

Milk Cows and Milk Production, Selected States October - December, 2006-2007

State	Oct.-Dec. Milk Cows ¹		Oct.-Dec. Milk Production ²		2007 as % of 2006
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
Iowa	209	215	1,035	1,050	101
Minnesota	452	463	2,072	2,139	103
Nebraska	61	57	277	263	95
North Dakota	31	28	115	106	92
South Dakota	81	86	379	413	109
Wisconsin	1,245	1,249	5,782	5,934	103
United States	9,115	9,195	44,611	46,045	103

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves.

DRY EDIBLE BEAN PRODUCTION

SOUTH DAKOTA: Dry edible bean planted acreage for South Dakota in 2007 totaled 13,000 acres, down 8,500 acres from 2006. Harvested acres, at 11,700, were down 38 percent from last year. The average yield was 1,860 pounds per acre, compared to 1,180 one year ago. Dry edible bean production in 2007 was estimated at 218,000 cwt, compared to 224,000 cwt in 2006 and 301,000 cwt in 2005.

UNITED STATES: Dry bean planted acreage for the United States in 2007 totaled 1.53 million acres, down 6 percent from 2006. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1.48 million acres, down 4 percent from 2006. The average yield was 1,716 pounds per acre, compared to 1,577 one year ago. Dry edible bean production is estimated at 25.4 million cwt. for 2007, compared to 24.2 million cwt in 2006 and 26.8 million cwt in 2005.

Dry Edible Bean Production Selected States and United States, 2007 ¹

State	Navy	Pinto	Garbanzo	Other	Total
	1,000 Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.
Minnesota	999	367	-	27	2,610
Nebraska	-	1,132	-	52	2,418
North Dakota	1,611	7,606	247	29	10,574
South Dakota	94	51	44	29	218
United States	3,815	11,631	1,511	567	25,371

¹ Clean Basis.

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